

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. Are there further amendments?

If not, the Clerk will read the last three lines of the bill.

The Clerk read as follows:

This Act may be cited as the "Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 1998".

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Chairman, there are many elements of this legislation that are very favorable and deserving of our support, such as additional funding for Pell grants, Head Start, and other education programs. However, I reluctantly must oppose the bill due to the adoption of the Goodling amendment prohibiting the Department of Education from developing national standards for reading and mathematics.

Education of our Nation's young people, the future workers and leaders of this country, must be our highest priority. If America is to remain competitive in the global economy, we must have the best educated and best trained work force in the world. In order to ensure this, it is incumbent on the Federal Government to ensure that children across America are receiving adequate instruction, particularly in the core subjects of reading and math. The Goodling amendment will prevent this and may allow many students to fall through the cracks and deny them the education that is critical for their own success and for America's prosperity.

I am hopeful that the conference committee will delete the Goodling amendment from the conference report, and that we are ultimately presented with an appropriations bill for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education that provides adequate funding for the educational needs of our young people, and ensures that these resources are actually utilized to prepare them for their future.

The CHAIRMAN pro tempore. If there are no further amendments, under the order of the House of Thursday, July 31, 1997, the Committee rises.

Accordingly the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS) having assumed the chair, Mr. LATOURETTE, Chairman pro tempore of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2264) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes, pursuant to the previous order of the House of Thursday, July 31, 1997, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted by the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment? If not, the Chair will put them en gross.

The amendments were agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XV, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 346, nays 80, not voting 7, as follows:

[Roll No. 402]

YEAS—346

Abercrombie	Edwards	Knollenberg
Ackerman	Ehlers	Kolbe
Allen	Ehrlich	Kucinich
Andrews	Emerson	LaFalce
Armey	Engel	LaHood
Baesler	English	Lampson
Baker	Ensign	Lantos
Baldacci	Eshoo	Latham
Ballenger	Etheridge	LaTourette
Barcia	Evans	Lazio
Barrett (NE)	Ewing	Leach
Barrett (WI)	Farr	Levin
Bass	Fattah	Lewis (CA)
Bateman	Fawell	Lewis (GA)
Becerra	Fazio	Lewis (KY)
Bentsen	Fligner	Lipinski
Bereuter	Flake	Livingston
Berman	Foglietta	LoBiondo
Berry	Foley	Lowey
Bilbray	Forbes	Lucas
Bilirakis	Ford	Luther
Bishop	Fowler	Maloney (CT)
Blagojevich	Fox	Maloney (NY)
Bliley	Frank (MA)	Manton
Blumenauer	Franks (NJ)	Markey
Blunt	Frelinghuysen	Martinez
Boehlert	Frost	Mascara
Boehner	Galleghy	Matsui
Bonilla	Ganske	McCarthy (MO)
Bonior	Gejdenson	McCarthy (NY)
Bono	Gekas	McCrery
Borski	Gephardt	McDade
Boswell	Gibbons	McDermott
Boucher	Gilchrest	McGovern
Boyd	Gillmor	McHale
Brown (CA)	Gilman	McHugh
Brown (FL)	Goodling	McIntyre
Brown (OH)	Gordon	McKeon
Bunning	Goss	McKinney
Burr	Green	McNulty
Buyer	Greenwood	Meehan
Callahan	Gutknecht	Meek
Calvert	Hall (OH)	Menendez
Camp	Hall (TX)	Metcalf
Campbell	Hamilton	Millender-McDonald
Canady	Hansen	Miller (CA)
Cannon	Harman	Miller (FL)
Capps	Hastert	Minge
Cardin	Hastings (FL)	Mink
Carson	Hayworth	Moakley
Castle	Hefner	Mollohan
Chambliss	Hilliard	Moran (VA)
Christensen	Hinchey	Morella
Clay	Hinojosa	Murtha
Clayton	Hobson	Nadler
Clement	Holden	Neal
Clyburn	Hooley	Nethercutt
Conyers	Horn	Ney
Cook	Houghton	Northup
Costello	Hoyer	Nussle
Coyne	Hulshof	Oberstar
Cramer	Hunter	Obey
Cummings	Hyde	Olver
Cunningham	Jackson (IL)	Ortiz
Danner	Jackson-Lee	Owens
Davis (FL)	(TX)	Oxley
Davis (IL)	Jefferson	Packard
Davis (VA)	Jenkins	Pallone
Deal	John	Pappas
DeFazio	Johnson (CT)	Parker
DeGette	Johnson (WI)	Pascarell
DeLauro	Johnson, E. B.	Pastor
DeLay	Kanjorski	Payne
Dellums	Kaptur	Pelosi
Deutsch	Kelly	Peterson (MN)
Diaz-Balart	Kennedy (MA)	Peterson (PA)
Dickey	Kennedy (RI)	Pickering
Dicks	Kennelly	Pickett
Dingell	Kildee	Pomeroy
Dixon	Kilpatrick	Porter
Doggett	Kim	Portman
Dooley	Kind (WI)	Poshard
Doyle	King (NY)	Price (NC)
Dreier	Kingston	Pryce (OH)
Duncan	Kleczka	Quinn
Dunn	Klink	Rahall
	Klug	

Ramstad	Shimkus	Thurman
Rangel	Sisisky	Tierney
Redmond	Skaggs	Torres
Regula	Skeen	Towns
Reyes	Skelton	Trafilant
Riggs	Slaughter	Turner
Rivers	Smith (NJ)	Upton
Rodriguez	Smith (OR)	Velazquez
Roemer	Smith (TX)	Vento
Rogan	Smith, Adam	Visclosky
Rogers	Smith, Linda	Walsh
Ros-Lehtinen	Snyder	Waters
Rothman	Solomon	Watkins
Roukema	Spence	Watt (NC)
Roybal-Allard	Spratt	Watts (OK)
Rush	Stabenow	Waxman
Sabo	Stark	Weldon (PA)
Sanchez	Stenholm	Weller
Sanders	Stokes	Wexler
Sandlin	Strickland	Weygand
Sawyer	Stupak	White
Saxton	Sununu	Whitfield
Schumer	Tanner	Wicker
Scott	Tauscher	Wise
Serrano	Tauzin	Wolf
Shadegg	Taylor (NC)	Woolsey
Shaw	Thomas	Wynn
Shays	Thompson	Young (AK)
Sherman	Thune	Young (FL)

NAYS—80

Aderholt	Hefley	Pitts
Archer	Herger	Pombo
Bachus	Hill	Radanovich
Barr	Hilleary	Riley
Bartlett	Hoekstra	Rohrabacher
Barton	Hostettler	Royce
Brady	Hutchinson	Ryun
Bryant	Inglis	Salmon
Burton	Istook	Sanford
Chabot	Johnson, Sam	Scarborough
Chenoweth	Jones	Schaefer, Dan
Coble	Largent	Schaffer, Bob
Coburn	Linder	Sensenbrenner
Collins	Lofgren	Sessions
Combest	Manzullo	Shuster
Cooksey	McCollum	Smith (MI)
Cox	McInnis	Snowbarger
Crane	McIntosh	Souder
Crapo	Mica	Stearns
Cubin	Moran (KS)	Stump
Doolittle	Myrick	Talent
Everett	Neumann	Taylor (MS)
Goode	Norwood	Thornberry
Goodlatte	Paul	Tiahrt
Graham	Paxon	Wamp
Granger	Pease	Weldon (FL)
Hastings (WA)	Petri	

NOT VOTING—7

Condit	Gutierrez	Yates
Furse	Kasich	
Gonzalez	Schiff	

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Messrs. WAMP, ADERHOLT, COX of California, BACHUS, and TAYLOR of Mississippi changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Ms. SANCHEZ, and Messrs. HILLIARD, SUNUNU, PORTMAN, and Ms. CARSON changed their vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING QUESTION OF PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I hereby give notice of my intention to offer a resolution which raises a question of the privileges of the House. The form of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, former Representative Robert Dornan has abused his privileges as a former

Member of the House of Representatives, and has conducted himself on the floor in a manner which brings discredit to the House;

Whereas in the course of Representative Menendez of New Jersey representing his constituents, exercising his rights as an elected representative of the people and a Member of this House to debate on the House floor, and asking a valid parliamentary inquiry that did not name any individual by name, Robert Dornan, a former Member of this House, verbally assaulted Representative Menendez of New Jersey, using profane language, accused Representative Menendez of religious bigotry, called his integrity into question, and by the tone of voice and the context of his remarks clearly attempted to lure Representative Menendez off the floor into a physical altercation;

Whereas Representative Menendez' family did not face persecution and come to this land, the home and cradle of democracy, so that anyone could attempt to intimidate his constitutional exercise of the democratic process on behalf of the people of his district;

Whereas, clause 2 of rule I of the Rules of the House of Representatives calls upon the Speaker of the House to preserve order and decorum on the House floor. Therefore, be it

Resolved that, the Sergeant-at-Arms is instructed to remove former Representative Robert Dornan from the Hall of the House and rooms leading thereto, and to prevent him from returning to the Hall of the House and rooms leading thereto until the election contest concerning the 46th District of California is resolved.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD).

Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedent only at a time or place designated by the Chair in the legislative schedule within 2 legislative days of its being properly noticed.

The Chair will announce the Chair's designation at a later time. The Chair's determination as to whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege will be made at the time designated by the Chair for consideration of the resolution.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. MENENDEZ. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state it.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, in view that the House is in pro forma session Friday, presuming that the interpretation is that this is an appropriate privileged resolution, would that mean that the resolution would have to be considered within the next 2 days, meaning either today or tomorrow?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, within the next 2 legislative days.

Mr. MENENDEZ. Further parliamentary inquiry. A legislative day in which we are in pro forma session and on which there is no one here, is that considered to be a legislative day in the context of the ruling of the Chair?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Yes. The gentleman is correct.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1609 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING COSPONSORS AND REQUESTING REPRINTS

Mr. WELLER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may here-

after be considered as the first sponsor of H.R. 1609, a bill originally introduced by Representative MOLINARI of New York, for the purposes of adding cosponsors and requesting reprints pursuant to clause 4 of rule XXII.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING CONGRESS TO AWARD CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL TO ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Banking and Financial Services be discharged from further consideration of the bill, H.R. 2248, to authorize the President to award a gold medal on behalf of the Congress to Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew in recognition of his outstanding and enduring contributions toward religious understanding and peace, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Iowa?

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do so for the purposes of an explanation.

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LAFALCE. I yield to the gentleman from Iowa.

Mr. LEACH. Under the gentleman's reservation, Mr. Speaker, in response, let me state that H.R. 2248 was introduced by myself, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GONZALEZ], the gentleman from New York [Mr. LAFALCE], the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS], and the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. RUSH], and is cosponsored by 327 Members. It authorizes President Clinton to present Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew a gold medal on behalf of Congress in recognition of his enduring contributions towards religious understanding and peace.

Yesterday the House passed House Concurrent Resolution 134, introduced by the distinguished gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS], to authorize the use of the Capitol Rotunda for a congressional ceremony honoring the Patriarch Bartholomew later this month.

Patriarch Bartholomew is the spiritual leader of nearly 300 million Orthodox Christians around the world. Through his ministry he has devoted his life to world peace, religious understanding, and protecting the global environment. Patriarch Bartholomew's first visit to our country as Patriarch will provide an opportunity for him to meet with many Americans who comprise the more than 5 million Orthodox Christians in the United States, and to convey his message of reconciliation to citizens of all faiths. Patriarch Bartholomew has been formally recognized for his outstanding achievements by numerous governments and academic institutions around the world.

At this time I ask for the support of this House in awarding the Patriarch a gold medal on behalf of the U.S. Congress and the citizens of the United States. This will be a fitting symbol of our appreciation for his admirable work towards world peace, and I urge my colleagues on a bipartisan basis to support this legislation.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, further reserving the right to object, I want to point out that I am very, very proud to be a cosponsor of this bill, H.R. 2248, as I was of House Concurrent Resolution 134 yesterday, sponsored by the gentleman from Florida [Mr. BILIRAKIS].

The gentleman from Florida, myself, and a number of others, the gentleman from New Jersey, [Mr. MICHAEL PAPPAS], the gentleman from Pennsylvania, [Mr. RON KLINK], the gentleman from Colorado, [Mr. DAN SCHAEFER], and the gentleman from California, [Mr. DUKE CUNNINGHAM] recently went to Greece in the last week in August. We know how proud the people of Greece are of their Patriarch Bartholomew, but not just the people of Greece, the 300 million Orthodox Christians across the entire globe.

The people of Greece are also proud of so many other things going on in their country presently, and in the years to come. They rejoiced and sang and danced in the streets of Athens, Salonika when the decision was made to award Athens as the site for the Olympics in the year 2004.

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It is most fitting, most appropriate, that the Congress award a gold medal to Patriarch Bartholomew and President Clinton present that medal to him.

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 2248, to authorize President Clinton to present his all Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople with a congressional gold medal to honor his leadership in promoting world peace and interfaith understanding.

Patriarch Bartholomew has promoted peace in the war torn countries of the Balkans, helping to advance reconciliation among the Catholic, Muslim, and Orthodox communities. He has been a leader in defense of human rights worldwide, in promoting global environmental protection and in strengthening interfaith relations.

Patriarch Bartholomew has been a champion of religious unity and cooperation, encouraging interfaith dialogue between the Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, leading Protestant denominations and Muslim leaders. He has also sought to strengthen bonds between Judaism and Orthodox Christianity. In 1994 he worked with Rabbi David Schneier and the Appeal of Conscience Foundation to cosponsor the Peace and Tolerance Conference.

He has been a dynamic leader in efforts to ease Greek-Turkish tensions and to promote international cooperation and adherence to international law. He also cares deeply about